

## Leave A Legacy

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A very important event happened at Retzer Nature Center on Arbor Day, April 26, 2002. We had the inaugural tree planted in the Legacy Forest,

Oak Savannah. This was a truly inspirational day as it was in honor of Jack R. Young, one of Retzer's Volunteer Teaching Naturalists. He was also the beloved father of Waukesha County employee, Meribeth Sullivan, who is an intern for the Recycling Division. Meribeth has been an integral part of managing the recent Compost Bin Sale, whose profits will benefit the Friends of Retzer's Building Expansion Capital Campaign.

The Legacy Forest Program is a way for participants to help ensure that many generations will experience a green tomorrow. The planting of trees in existing open spaces in our park system will help preserve the original landscape and the integrity of the natural resources now available for future generations to enjoy.

Other spring Legacy Forest plantings included eight trees planted in our newest park Fox River, located on Highway H in



Waukesha. Spring City Garden Club dedicated 6 of the trees to steadfast members as well as their spouses. The trees were given to honor the memories of William Brenckle, Don Reinke, Al Kliest, Aaron Minor, and Mary Sutton. A wonderful oak was dedicated to Arlene Hass - Friedrichsen in honor of her inspirational leadership in promoting the Legacy Forest Program. We truly appreciate their donation to the county in creating a greener tomorrow.

The last of our last Legacy Forest Tree plantings occurred at Naga-Waukee Golf Course. This tree was donated by the Tuesday 18 Hole League in memory of Beverly Wright a long time member of their league. The sixth hole was one of Beverly's favorite spots along the golf course as she achieved an Eagle on that hole. ■

## Waukesha County Recycling/Composting Rate at 32%

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In 2001, 19%, or 32,696 tons, of residential solid waste in the county was recycled and 13%, or 22,704 tons, was municipally composted, for a total of 32%. 68%, or 119,035 tons, was sent to landfills. Over the past five years, these percentages have been stable, as shown by the chart. ■

